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Students Do More Than Spin Their Wheels at Valley College

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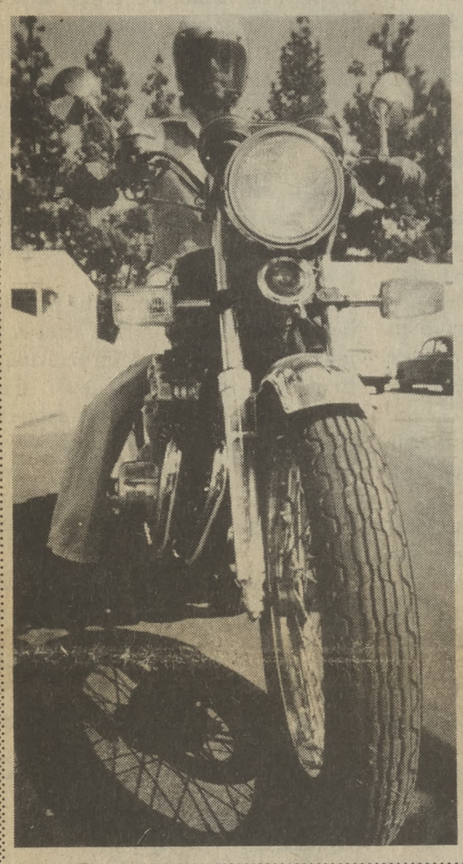
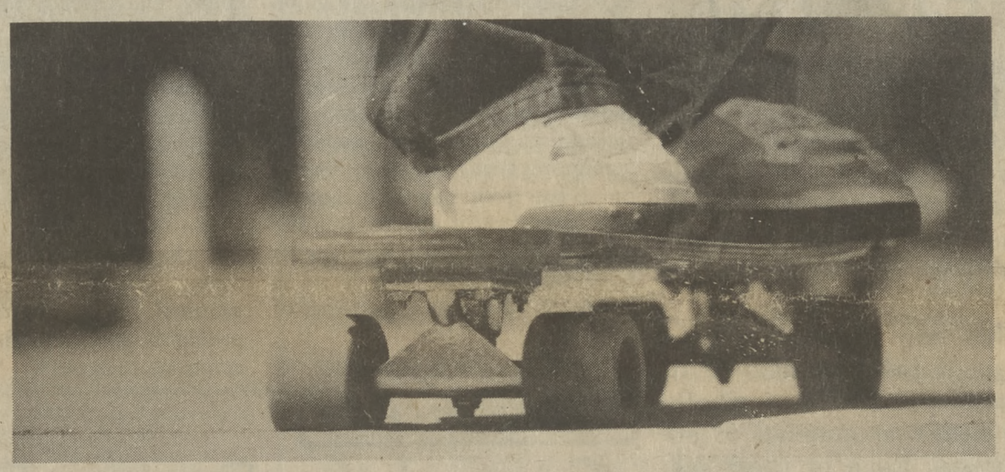


Bi, tri or quad; cycles of all shapes and dimensions are appearing on campus. The energy shortage and parking problems have gotten our imaginations and creativity going. Students are looking for, and many have found, alternative modes of transportation minimizing fuel and maximizing people power.



Seven Dropped From Council

Only five out of the 15 elected members of Executive Council are slated to begin serving on the Executive Board as the new semester opens.

Three offices were not filled at the time of elections, four have resigned, and five were disqualified, two of whom, ASB President Richard Cowsill (see related story) and Commissioner of Elections Julie Harlow, were subsequently reinstated. (Harlow later resigned).

The Commissioner of Chicano Studies, Black Ethnic Studies and Special Limitations were the three offices not filled at the time of the election.

The Commissioner of Public Relations, Social Activities, Jewish Ethnic Studies, and Elelctions all resigned. Reasons for the resignations ranged from the decision to attend a four year institution to personal schedules which made it difficult to attend ASB meetings or carry out their responsibilities.

Those who were disqualified included the Chief Justice, The Commissioner of Elections, the Commissioner of Scholastic Activities, the Vice-President, and the President. Julie Harlow, newly-elected Commissioner of Elections, notified the ASB that because she will not be able to attend the Student Council Meetings, she will submit her resignation to A.S.B.

There are currently 10 vacancies on the A.S.B. Executive Council which must be filled by a two-thirds vote of the existing members of the council.

In addition to the problems A.S.B. is facing due to the lack of officers, the Inter-Organizational Council made up of the presidents of clubs on Campus, faces a similar crisis, in that the Chairmanship of I.O.C. has been one of the responsibilities of the A.S.B. Vice President. "Our major concern at the moment is filling the vacancies is A.S.B.," said Linda Robinson, I.O.C. assistant advisor. "Especially the A.S.B. vice-presidency, as that is really holing things up.

Selection of officers should begin at the first meeting on Sept. 25.

Anyone interested in serving as council member and A.S.B. officer is invited to pick up an application in the Student Affairs Office, in CC100.

Garvin Talks of Plans, Sees Many Changes

By LISA KINGSLEY
District Editor

Harold Garvin, former Harbor College history professor, succeeds J. William Orozco as a member of the Board of Trustees, District No. 7. He is convinced that his experience can be put to good use on the Board.

His main concern is to cut unnecessary spending in as many spheres as possible. "My job is to free money now tied up in other areas," he said. He would like to see any money saved put back into teaching.

In this regard, one of his first suggestions to his fellow Board members has been to try to curtail district office staff expansion. He called for and got an increase of $300,000 to be divided among the nine colleges. "The District knows my point of view and in little ways they are accommodating me," he stated.

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, Garvin came to California in 1932. A decorated war veteran, he flew 50 bombing missions over Europe in World War II. In 1947 he earned the B.A. degree in political science from Occidental College and later acquired an M.A. degree from the University of Southern California. From 1969 to 1971 he served as an administrative aide to Congressman Glenn Anderson.

In addition to favoring increased funds be made to colleges, Garvin outlined future plans designed to "return power to local campuses, to offer services direcly related to education, and bring back campus autonomy."

Garvin's goals in the coming months include making a study of the district office to determine if all monies spent there are necessary. "[The office] is as expensive as one of our ordinary sized colleges," he commented.

He would like to see an evaluation done on campus administration staffs. He is convinced that there are too many coordinators and lower level administrators who were brought into the system with the advent of federal programs no longer in use.

Garvin contends there are classes in which there is little enrollement at present that could possibly be combined with similar classes in the district, thereby freeing teachers for other subjecjects of increasing interest. Electronics and health services are two such subjects that he feels deserve more intensive study, however, "right now there is no money available to bring them in."

Currently these ideas have received various degrees of acceptance among the Board members and Garvin admits that such plans would take six months to bring before the Board. If accepted, the studies would take at least two to six months to complete and would lead to "a steamlined district office and campus administration," Garvin concluded.

Cowsill Now Back Aboard

Interpretation of the Associated Student Body constitution, and confusion over specific rules concerning unit requirements led to the disqualification and subsequent reinstatement of newly-elected Associated Student Body President Richard Cowsill.

Cowsill contends that the interpretation of the rules were at the heart of the confusion. "On May 22 the word "completed" was added to the District policy. Wherein it previously read only "enrolled in and attending' it is still not clarified since it doesn't state that classes must be satisfactorily completed." "That was a district policy revision and any such policy supercedes Associated Student Body," he concluded.

Reasons for the ineligibility varied to some extent, with primary one being, noncompletion of a minimum of nine units during the semester of candidacy.

Other objections were that candidates not maintaing the required 2.0 grade point average or having completed over 70 units prior to the semester of office were not eligible.

The requirements state that a candidate must be enrolled in at least nine units of study, and Cowsill feels that the clause "completed" was just currently used in reviewing records and making the disqualification of officers. He would like to see the policy changed, "so that units will not have any bearing on candidacy or officers."

Cowsill was enrolled in more than nine units at the time of the election but received a no-credit in one of his classes. After an appeal to the Office of Instruction, the decision of ineligibility was reversed based on the reversed based on the questionable interpretation.

"I am displeased with the rules pertaining to student body candidates and officers. I don't feel there should be any restrictions put upon the number of units taken previously or in any given semester," said Cowsill.

V.C. Gets Sharp Enrollment Rise

By G.P. KUBELEK
City Editor

Enrollment increases of more than 6 percent are pleasing college administrators, but also causing difficulties for students because of closed classes.

Administration officials are only speculating at this time about the causes of the increases in light of the fewer number of high school graduates. Such speculation runs from the energy crisis and cancelled vacations to an economic recession requiring people to acquire new job skills.

"At the present time, we are up 6-7 percent," said John Barnhart, Coordinator of Admissions and Records. "As of Monday, enrollment is 21,648 students." Barnhart said, however, that enrollment figures have not been translated into student contact hours, which in the end determine the amount of Valley's budget. Barnhart feels that in addition to other factors, Valley College's recruiting efforts are paying off.

In a related story, the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees adopted for Valley College a budget of $17,005,884 which, according to Dr. Mary Lee, in charge of the college budget, "is a little less than last year." Lee maintained, however, that the budget is not cut and dry, and adjustments wil be made. In all, no one is predicting an adverse impact to the students or the college since basic plant operations is a constant expense, and the only hardships expected are in regards to students not getting the classes they would like.

Paradoxically, the amount of state aid that community colleges receive is not based on average daily attendance, which was the formula used before the passage of Proposition 13. The ADA formula is due to resume next year, however. The current method of funding, according to Lee, is a two year block funding formula.

For the first time, the California legislature has set limits on the amount a community college district can receive for enrollment increases. The legislature has set a 2 percent ceiling on such increases in an effort to thwart slick recruiting drives and the offering of academically suspect classes. The effect at Valley will be minimal, according to Lee. "One thing they try to do with the budget is work on a formula flexible enough to work on both urban and rural districts so that no one will be overly penalized.

"I think this will be a good year," she said. "The problem is not too many students but when we have too few, that's when we have to decide which programs have to go."

The budget for the college is decided by the budget review committee with people from various departments deciding to what extent programs can be achieved. For the first time, according to Lee, a student will be allowed to sit on the committee—ASB President Richard Cowsill.

ASB Fee Increase Not Affecting Sales

President Plans Social, Cultural Events

By MATHIEU JAY ELLIS
Managing Editor

Increases in Student Body fees have apparently done nothing to hamper sales of the I.D. Cards.

The fees were raised from $6.50 to $9.50 for full time students and from $3.50 to $5.00 for student with eight units or less.

"We're doing very well. We're up over last year," said Howard Fink, fiscal administrator.

Student Government has collected more than 50 percent of the annual $52,000 budget, thus far, according to Fink. "We won't know if we're ahead of the game until the second semester because of inflation but things look good," he added.

ASB President Richard Cowsill hopes to implement some new programs if there is extra money, even though he was against the increase in fees.

"The students just don't receive enough benefits for last year's price of $6.50. The type of people who have the time to get involved with student government can't financially afford it," explained Cowsill.

If there is extra money, though, Cowsill plans to have an increase in social and cultural awareness on campus, such as more speakers of contemporary issues. "We need to talk about energy and transportation oriented issues, for example," said Cowsill. He will be instituting an energy committee made up mostly of non-council members. There may also contract out for a paid public relations person to increase communications between students and the community. If this happens, there will no longer be a commissioner of public relations.

Cooperative Education Can Help Gain Experience, Money, Credit

By DORAN STARK
Copy Editor

Each semester, close to 400 Valley students receive unit credit through the Cooperative Education Program. The program is designed to combine work experience with learning acquired in the classroom.

"It's a grand program. It's been well received by the community," said Helene Barncard, chairperson of the program.

To qualify, students must be enrolled in seven or more units including work experience. They are expected to achieve a learning goal which is decided upon at the beginning of the semester. To earn credits, the job must be related to the student's major or vocational goal, and the student must attend a "control class" which offers guidance related to getting and holding a job.

"The control class improves the student's employability," said Barncard. "As they improve themselves, they improve the industry."

Interested students should check the schedule for class times. For late enrollments or Saturday workshop enrollment, check with the Cooperative Education Office.

The Valley Star's position on issues is discussed only in the editorials presented on this page. Star editorials are the unanimous viewpoint of the Editorial Board. Columns on this page are the opinions of the individual staff members and are not necessarily the opinion of the Star. Staff cartoons do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the artist.

STAR EDITORIALS

ASB—A Democracy?

How can so few make decisions for so many?

Valley College has a student body of approximately 20,000 and yet only a mere 15 students make decisions and have the power to cast votes on issues which effect all the students.

Is this a democracy? Star thinks not.

Granted open elections are held every Spring semester for the following Fall, and anyone with a valid student ID card, paid or not, is eligible to vote.

The president and vice president are elected to serve a term of one full year, which means that many of the students who may vote in the Spring election will not be at Valley in the Fall and even fewer will be on campus the following Spring. In the meantime students can spend a full year at Valley before they may have any say in who holds the top council positions. This situation may not have an immediate remedy; for the obvious solution to hold the elections near the beginning of the Fall semester would leave Valley without any student representation for several weeks.

Additionally even if a student wanted to vote in the beginning of the Fall semester how would they find out about a candidates qualifications or background? The qualifications for candidacy do not require that a student have any knowledge or background in student government, Valley College, the Los Angeles Community College District, finance, or other students' need or wants. Yet, the elected officers, by a majority of whoever decides to vote during an occasional, sometimes poorly publicized election, are responsible for spending funds and voting on issues which pertain to all of the above.

One third of the elected commissioners represent special interest groups, yet all of the students vote for those officers regardless of the needs or desires of the individual group. If special interest groups are to be represented on council then first, all groups should be equally represented, and secondly, the groups they are to represent shall determine the officers.

Possibly ASB is intended to truly eminate professional politics, wherein a select few represent the masses. Even if that be the case, in the past commissioners and officers have not made any overt effort to find out what constituents' concerns are.

ASB meetings are open to the entire student body at noon on Tuesday, yet few students ever seem to take advantage of the opportunity to voice themselves.

Keep U.S. Land Federal

Lands under federal jurisdiction in California, comprise almost half of the state, and California wants them.

Following the lead of several other western states, California is joining the effort to impound such lands.

Star believes this land is better left under the control of the federal government until California is willing to develop an effective and responsible land use policy.

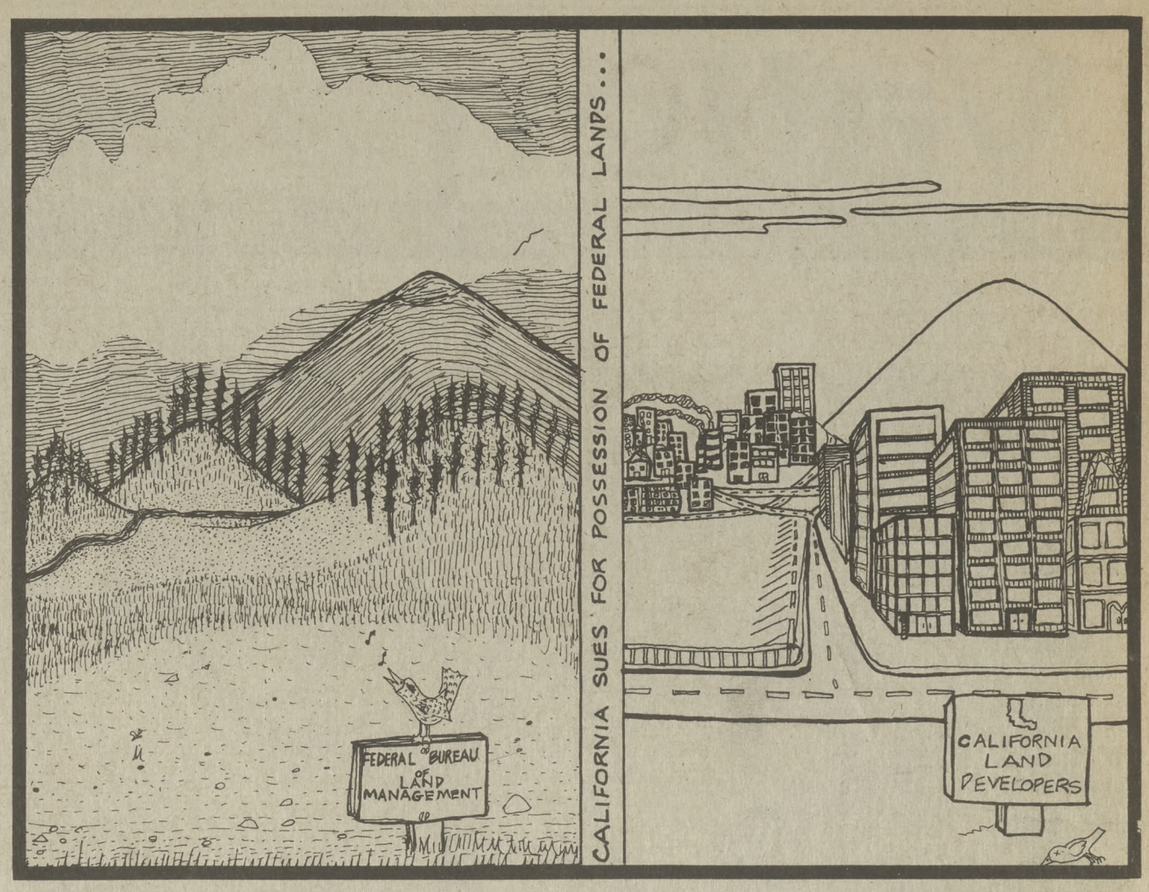
Although California touts itself as having a strong environmental commitment, the facts show this not to be true. The one major attempt at land use control, the Coastal Commission, is now under heavy attack by developers to usurp its authority.

The real estate lobby in this state has been, and is very powerful, and Star sees this as the underlying force of a land grab under the guise of states rights.

How will California manage 4,331,894 acres other than by selling it? When was the last time a state volunteered to pick up the tab for something the federal government is now paying for?

The Agency that now manages federal lands, the Bureau of Land Management, has been a staunch but no wholly unreasonable to either commercial or environmental interests. Each of these factions are screaming that they are not receiving fair treatment from the BLM. Star views this as a healthy sign.

Perhaps someday California should become the owner of this federal acreage, but not today.



COMMENTARY

Newspaper Staff Is Only Human

Personally, I'm of the belief that if people try and walk on water they're going to get pretty wet. This applies to everyone, even the journalism staff which puts out this paper.

We're human.

The paper is planned, written, and edited by students. Every photograph which appears in the paper is taken by a journalism student. There are instructors to advise us, but as much as possible it is run by students.

Obviously not everything that is written for the paper can go on the front page. There simply isn't enough room. Despite this limiting factor there are several individuals who come into the journalism room every semester screaming that their story should be on the front page. To them it may seem that it should. But the editors are the ones who decide what goes where. They have to judge the value and importance of a story.

There's no black and white, no right and wrong. It's usually a shade of gray which is always open to debate. But it can only come out in print one way, and the editor has to decide what that one way is.

Some people don't agree with the way a particular story is handled. There are instructors at Valley College who hate the journalism staff because of what a journalism student did years ago. Since this is a two-year college, a student who made a mistake in 1970 probably isn't at the college today. The instructor probably is.

It doesn't make sense to blame innocent students for something they had no control over. But it happens. This semester's staff will bear the prejudices that have built over the years.

It's often frustrating to work for the paper. Relations with some people may become strained. But a lot of the problems can be avoided by using some common sense.

We can't write about something that we don't know about. This may sound simple, but it's surprising how many people take it for granted that the paper knows everything that goes on. We don't. Someone has to tell us.

So if you're planning something that concerns the college, make sure that you let us know at least a week in advance.

Another thing that some people don't understand is that this is a newspaper, not a public relations firm. We report the news, not editorialize it. Advertisement space is available for sale at very low rates. Advertising is encouraged, so individuals looking for free publicity may be disappointed.

As mentioned earlier, no one on the staff can walk on water, raise the dead, or part any seas. But if anyone on campus does these things, we'll report it.

But then, that's what we're here for.

TONGUE IN CHEEK

Smog Lifts Smoke Screen For Some

By MATHIEU JAY ELLIS
Managing Editor

Altough many Angelenos are complaining about the heavy smoke and smog that has invaded the southland recently, a few groups are enjoying the benefits that the noxious fumes have to offer.

The State Air Resources Board and the Air Quality Management District, organizations that are usually at each other's throats, are at peace with one another. You see, for the time being, there is plenty of garbage in the air to go around.

Before the smog siege, there were a lot of sad faces at the AQMD and ARB, but now everyone is aglow with first, second and third stage smog alerts. "The boss gave everyone a bonus when the San Gabriel Valley recorded hazardous breathing conditions," one official reported.

Doctors, of course, are enjoying the extra business. Many physicians are reporting up to 50 percent more cases of emphysema, tuberculosis and bronchitis.

Most industries are reporting reduced output but some manufacturers say that sales are skyrocketing. Since most of the mountains in the area are plagued by fire or by the threat of it, one manufacturer has brought the mountains home. An inflatable forest, which can be set up in the living room, includes a tent with the scent of deer droppings, vinyl redwood trees, plastic pine cones and needles, battery operated flies and a swarm of magnetic army ants that are attracted to the metal food which is included with the kit. For entertainment, the manufacturer suggests that you drive your car into the living-room and park it in front of the TV set, where your family can pretend that it's at the drive-in theater. Soon to be available this winter, is an inflatable Death Valley scene.

LETTERS

The Valley Star is happy to receive and publish letters from Valley College students and citizens of the surrounding community.

Letters may be mailed to the Valley Star, or may be presented in person to the Valley Star office, Business-Journalism 114, by noon Monday for the following Thursday.

LETTER TO THE STAR

Hillel To Celebrate Jewish New Year

Judaism's stubborn faith that people can change themselves will be celebrated this Friday night and Saturday morning (September 21 and 22) by a hundred Valley College students at Hillel's Rosh Hashana observance.

Commemorating the beginning of the Jewish year 5740, Rosh Hashana is a seriously optimistic day for Jews. In the LAVC Hillel celebrations, ancient prayers and readings will be combined with modern meditations and poems to stimulate an atmosphere of Jewish self-examination.

Contemporary Jewish folk music -- many melodies from modern Israel -- will spark the enthusiasm of the group's celebrations. Holly Goldstein, a young woman with an energetic guitar and a smiling voice, will teach and lead all the singing from specially mimeographed song sheets. A new Shofar (ram's horn) has been given to Hillel this summer, and it will be blown for the first time this Rosh Hashana. This antique musical instrument produces an eerie assortment of notes. They are supposed to awaken the conscience of a Jew to the opportunities for a better life in the new year.

Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur (October 1) are together the Jewish High Holy Days -- sacred to Jews everywhere in the world.

All Valley College students are cordially invited to share in our Hillel celebrations for the High Holy Days. Because we have to know how many seats to set up, we ask students to please come into the Hillel House some day before the Holy Day, and receive a schedule of celebrations.

Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein
Hillel, LAVC

CONVERSATION

Bad Government Weapon—Vote

By PAMELA NEIL
Student Affairs Editor

This last July, the White House admitted the country is in a recession, inflation is up, unemployment is up and shows trends of continuing in that direction. Who is to blame? It seems that President Carter would have Americans believe that we ourselves are responsible for the nation's current economic problems.

In his energy speech on national televison, he virtually accused Americans of being greedy, self-centered, and lacking the true "American Spirit."

In the very next breath, he laid the solving of the problems back on the people, saying in effect, that it is the Americans who must cure the country's ills.

Admittedly, it would be idyllic if it were so simple, however, the people really have little control over the over-departmentalized, politicianized, red-tape bound government of today.

There is but one weapon with which we may arm ourselves, that being a responsibility cast, well informed VOTE.

If you are unhappy with the workings on Capitol Hill, you can cast your vote for another candidate for President, senator or congressman.

The President has appealed to our psyches, in hopes of arrousing us through guilt. This is a painful emotion that no man easily ignores.

Should the American people be made to feel guilty? Shouldn't the President, Congress and the Senate; their members and staff pick up part of the tab?

How many average American citizens truly understand all the workings of our democratic system of government? I dare say not enough. Therefore, we must rely on our elected, tax-salaried representatives to be our eyes, ears and mental digestive tracts, in order that we might be duly represented in the policy and decision making arena.

When these people fail to meet our requirements, then we use our vote to show our indignation, and to place someone else as our spokesman.

Is it really our fault the country is where it's at? Should you, the American voter, decide it is not, then it is your responsibility to become informed on all the issues. Review the track records of your elected officials. Let your government representatives at all levels know your feelings and ideas.

VIEWPOINT

Use Freedom to Advance

By JANICE LUGAVERE
Editor-in-Chief

Everyone has a highly individualized mind and various desires and achievements to meet through its use. Freedom of thought and expression is the most valuable right that anyone can exercise. Put the most precious tool you have to work for you—don't let it atrophy.

Most people would not be seeking any form of higher education, whether it be a skill, trade, art, science, theory, or another point of view, if they didn't feel the need or drive to exercise their given right.

Fewer, however, exercise it beyond the realm of the classroom, or structured setting. Some may lack the motivation to do otherwise; others may lack the energy—either is fine.

For those who have the motivation and energy to spare, I sincerely hope you will take the best possible advantage of the excess. Use it to question, learn, grow, and develop. Use it to get involved in your school, whether it be government, clubs, programs, or services. It can only lead to benefit you and your school.

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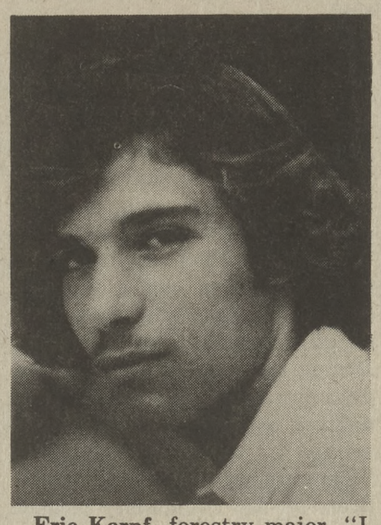
Do LAVC Counselors Meet Your Needs?

Frances Price, law major, "If I need them, I'll use them. I'm sure they are beneficial to students."

Meredith McGuire, theater arts major, "I haven't had any experience with the counselors."



Eric Karpf, forestry major, "I have used them, and they're decent—they helped me."

Marianne Giraco, business major, "No, I haven't used the counselors."

Brian Francis, law major, "the counselors are pretty good—they gave me direction to follow."

Marlene Press, computer science major, "I feel the counselors are very qualified."

Achievement Is Merry

By JOSH GROSSBERG
Staff Writer

The room is big. This is where all students come to register and to see counselors.

This is Pauline Merry's Territory.

Dr. Pauline Merry, the Assistant Dean of Student's Service n charge of admissions, records, and counseling, is in command of that entire corner of the administration building.

"All this mess in here is mine, and it's a lot of responsibility," said Merry sitting in her office.

But Dr. Merry is qualified.

She started teaching at Valley College as a nursing instructor in 1968, after getting a master's degree in counseling, and a PhD in education from USC.

"The students have become much milder and quieter since I started teaching, and the faculty has become more vocal. There is also a nicer ethnic representation. And the school is making an effort to reach the community. Before it was the other way around," said Merry, sipping Perrier water from a styrofoam cup.

In 1969, she started counseling because Valley was in need of a black counselor.

"The black students threatened to riot if a black counselor wasn't hired."

Aside from a year and a half at the district office, Merry has been here ever since.

Some of Merry's responsibilities include setting policy and coordinating activity for the counseling office. She also works on the Academic Standards Committee, and is the chairperson of the Committee for Academic Petitions. She started as head of admissions last July.

"I'm just beginning to learn the aspects of admissions," said Merry, "but I have a great staff to help me."

In what little spare time she has, Merry enjoys swimming, and reading mysteries and science fiction. She also plays a harpsichord that she built herself.

As far as personal goals, Merry says that she would like her life to have a positive effect on other people's lives.

"I've begun to do that. I'm not just sitting around doing nothing with my life."

Merry doesn't feel that the high rate of students dropping classes is her concern.

Counselors can get students into the right classes, but it's the instructor's job to keep them there."

For her future at Valley, the idea of being dean sounds good to Merry.

"If the opportunity presented itself, it would be nice," said Merry, "but I'm not going to actively pursue it."

NewsNotes

Eligibility for the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) have been revised, to help more middle income students.

The principle change in the rules, raises the maximum family income to $25,000 and up from the previous maximum of $14,999. The maximum award per student is $1,600 per academic year.

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Valley College will be the site of the annual workshop of the Conference of California Historical Societies, on November 3, 1979. The San Fernando Valley Historical Society will host the workshop.

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Football funding for the Los Angeles Community College system was jeopardized at the August 29 meeting of the Los Angeles Community College District Board of Trustees. A motion was made at that time to cut football funding, but was tabled until the Board meeting Oct. 10, at which time it will be voted upon.

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Valley College has received a Gold Seal Civic Award from San Fernando Valley Beautiful. The award is in appreciation of a noteworthy contribution to a more beautiful community. Valley College President Dr. Alice Thurston accepted the award for the school.

Architect H.C. Chambers designed most of the buildings at the campus. The landscaping was instituted by Irving Duke Koltnow, head gardener and Donald Lee Reid, who succeeded him.

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Dr. James E. Slosson, Professor of Geology and former state geologist was commended recently for his service on the citizens committee to review U.S. Forest services management.

Slosson was praised for his report that contains findings and recommendations that pertain to involvement by the State of California.

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Instructional Media Services has received a grant to develop materials to accompany films and video tape that will help reduce attitude barriers against people who experience discrimination.

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Friends and Family of Iz Leavitt, first president of the Senior Students Club, have established the Iz Leavitt Lecture Fund. Provisions of the fund stipulate that the interest from the fund be used to bring lectures on campus to speak about the field of gerontology.

"He steered the senior adult club through its first rough year, leading it to become the largest and most active club on campus," said his wife Arline.

Leavitt, who died June 22 1979, at the age of 68, was also the chairperson of the senior adult program Community Advisory Committee.

Donations to the fund should be sent to Los Angeles Valley College, 5800 Fulton Ave. 91401, in care of Dr. Alice Thruston. Checks should be made payable to Valley College.

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Ruth F. Towbin, 76, program assistant of the Senior Adult Program at Valley College, has won first prize in the English Department's essay contest.

The essay, titled "The Non-Traditional Student and Access to Vocations" was written to create an awareness about non-traditional students and their opportunities for completing vocational programs.

Towbin has donated the $50 prize to the Iz Leavitt Lecture Fund.

Although Towbin received a degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1929, she has enrolled in many classes at Valley in connection with her position at the college.

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Peer counselors at Valley, lead by Marjorie Harris, have donated a Santa Rosa Plum tree to the men of Fire Station 102 in memory of Brian E. Phillips who was killed recently in the line of duty.

The station Captain, Raymond Horelly, said, "Each year when the tree blooms, we will be reminded of Brian and the many nice ways in which he touched our lives. We will also be reminded of you, the peer counselors, who took the time and donated such an appropriate gift to honor Brian."

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Dr. Arnold Fletcher, former chairman of the History Department at Valley, has retired due to health problems. Fletcher resigned the history Chairmanship after suffering a stroke last year. Fletcher was also president of the faculty and president of the AFT-College Guild on this campus. Fletcher was also the founder of the Arthenaeum, which brought lecturers to the campus. Fletcher joined the Valley College staff in 1953.

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ON THE ALERT—Wally Gudzus, chief of campus police, and his men in blue and grey are on campus around the clock to protect and serve.

CAMPUS POLICE KEEP ALERT

Men In Gray Can Save the Day

By PAULA BREAUX
News Editor

The men in blue and gray are the men to call for assistance at Valley College. They are professionals in the field of police protection and are experts in advanced first aid and safety.

"Our recruits take their training at the sheriff's academy and go through 20 weeks of stringent regimentation. They are trained as any other police' officer," said Wally Gudzus, Captain of the LAVC Safety and Police Services. "On this campus our force consists of nine officers, six student workers and two clerical workers. We cover the campus around the clock, there is always someone on duty," he said.

The Los Angeles Community College District has maintained it's own police force since 1969. Each of the nine campuses has a police staff of at least nine officers. A college can have as many as 12 officers, depending upon the size and location of the campus.

"Prior to 1969, all the community colleges had a security system in operation that consisted mainly of spot checks. During the time of the anti-war demonstrations there was a definite need for resident police service," explained Gudzus, "there are approximately 100 officers on the community college force, eight of whom are women."

The duties and authorities of the officers are the same as those of any police force. They are trained in the use and care of firearms and are authorized to carry them. "We always have access to our weapons but don't carry them. The need for firearms here at Valley is minimal. Im my career at Valley, I have only drawn my gun three times," said Gudzus, who was formerly with the Los Angeles Police Department. Gudzus has been with Valley College 20 years, the last 10 have been full time employment and prior to his retirement in 1969, Gudzus worked part time.

"The jurisdiction of our staff covers the campus only. However we work closely with the LAPD and are in constant communication with them. They always back us up and we always back them up," said Gudzus.

Asked what three most common calls for assistance to his staff are, the captain explained, "We get calls for first aid often, we respond mostly to illness and injury calls. The traffic and parking here are perennial sources of problems. And finally, we do have auto thefts and break-ins. The best protection against this is to camouflage any valuable that you must leave in your car.

Parking Problems Plague Valley's Lots

By THOM NUSSLE
Staff Writer

Few statutes were broken during the summer months here at Valley and Wally Gudzus, chief of Campus Security, believes parking will cause the majority of complications this semester.

Parking, as in past semesters, will be a major concern of Campus Security this semester.

"The first six weeks of the semester," said Gudzus, "will be the worst in regards to parking." After the first six weeks, due to student attrition, parking complications will diminish. "It's a sad commentary," said Gudzus, "but the rate of attrition is approximately 20 percent among students."

A grace period will be given to students this semester before citations are issued for the lack of having a parking sticker. "We usually allow two weeks," said Gudzus, "before issuing this type of citation." The reason is to allow students time to get organized.

However, parking violations such as: parking in handicapped spaces, red zones and double parking will not be tolerated at any time.

Gudzus recommends that students, "come in very early or right on time for their classes. "In this way, as preceding hourly classes are dismissed, parking spaces will be easier to procure.

For students who cannot afford parking stickers, there are two lots which require no parking permit. Lot "G" is located next to the baseball diamond and the other "no parking permit required lot" is located on the corners of Oxnard and Fulton.

What's Happening

LEARN THE LIFE SCIENCES

The Life Science Learning Center will be holding open house September 18-28 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES

HILLEL, the Center for Jewish Campus Life, invites all students to Jewish High Holy Day services, the evening of September 21, the day of September 22, the evening of September 30 and the day of October 1. Services will be conducted by Rabbi Jerry Goldstein and are in the Reform-Creative mode. LAVC services will be held in the Valley Cities Jewish Community Center, 13164 Burbank Blvd. For further information phone 994-7443.

TRAVELOG

Community Services begins its cultural presentations with a travelogue film, "The Romance of Australia," with Kurt Matson, lecturer, in Monarch Hall on Sunday, September 23, at 2 p.m. This is the first of three travelogues to be presented, followed by "Hawaii," October 28, and "Jordan, the Desert Kingdom," on November 25. Gold card holders and students, $2.25 per show. Season tickets for all three shows are available for $5.00

Typical L.A. Student Doesn't Mean Average

How many Valley students qualify as typical community college students? According to a survey conducted by the District's Educational Services Division, and with respect to those students fresh out of high school, those who live in Los Angeles or Canoga Park, homemakers, those who depend on the bus to commute, or who are married; the typical community college student is 26 years old, working full or part-time, lives close to the college, and is single.

These and other facts are contained in a report: "The Los Angeles Community College District Student: Who, Where, Why & How." The report includes information gathered through questionnaires distributed to students in Fall, 1978. More than 8,500 students responded to the survey.

Results of the survey show that interest in occupational education has increased while interest in transfer education has decreased since a similar survey was conducted in 1976. Forty-one percent of those surveyed listed proximity to their home as a reason for attending an L.A. Community College.

Commuting patterns of students took on significant implications, particularly in light of the ongoing energy crisis. Seventy-seven percent of the students reported using a car to commute to and from college.

A notable turnabout from the 1976 survey was the male-female ratio. Men totaled 48.2 percent of the current survey, as compared with 53.1 percent of the 1976 survey.

The ethnic breakdown for the District showed 45.2 percent White/Caucasian, 21.4 percent Black, 16.7 percent Hispanic/Spanish surnamed, 7.1 percent Asian/Pacific Islander, 2.4 percent Filipino, 3.7 percent American Indian/Alaskan, and 4.9 percent others.

Selected Student Trustee Faces A Challenging Year

By LISA KINGSLEY
District Editor

Running for office is one thing; being chosen to serve in that same office is often quite another, especially if the candidate is a student in the midst of publicly elected trustees.

Such is the case for newly elected student trustee Rene Rodarte. Rodarte, a business major at East Los Angeles College can make recommendations to the Board but is prohibited from voting or making motions during meetings. Despite the restrictions placed on him, he feels the office can be "influentially and politically very powerful if the students are behind me."

His job is to bring forward those issues most important to the students he serves, over 120,000 in the District. After meeting with the nine community college student body presidents, he was able to pinpoint several of the most pressing issues of concern to the students.

These include a motion made to cut football from the budget, due to be voted on in October.

The complex problem of transportation, is made even more uncomfortable by the current RTD bus strike. "The community colleges are basically commuter schools," said Rodarte, who, along with others would advocate alternate means of transportation to the colleges.

He would like to see a plan to make bookstores more accessible to students. Along those same lines, Rodarte is concerned with standardization of book prices. As it stands now, "The same book may be priced differently all over the district," he said.

Between the time he graduated from Montebello High School in 1972 and enrolled in ELAC, Rodarte lived in Canada for six months, spent time in Honduras crewing sailboats, and attended the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has been involved in a number of extra-curricular activities at ELAC including serving on the Associated Students Organization's Board of Directors. Upon graduation he plans to enter law school.

Although Rodarte admittedly has not had much prior contact with several of the districts he represents, he insists there will be no difficulty in speaking for them. "I plan to make a specific point to reach out and see that all nine colleges are represented."

THEY'RE OFF AND RUNNING—It's not a horse race just a mere hint of the check out lines in the book store during the first few weeks of school.

Clubs

SENIOR CLUB PRESENTATION

The Senior Students Club presents Harvey E. Cohen, "Psychodynamics—Your Mysterious Potential," on Thursday, September 20 in C100 at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

DANCE, DANCE, DANCE!

The International Folk Dancing Club will host a presentation on Saturday, September 22 at 8 p.m. in the Field House. There is no charge for admission.

ARABIC SOCIETY SETS MEETINGS

The Arabic Society of LAVC will be meeting every Tuesday at 11 a.m. in CC 207. All LAVC students are welcome.

HILLEL PLANS ACTIVE SEMESTER

Hillel, the center for Jewish Campus life, will have it's first meeting of the semester on Thursday, September 27, 11 a.m. in H101. Plans will be discussed for a Hillel weekend retreat, an evening at Disneyland, Succoth festivities, Shabat celebrations, special interest groups, dances and parties.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings and to visit the HILLEL HOUSE at 13162 Burbank Blvd.

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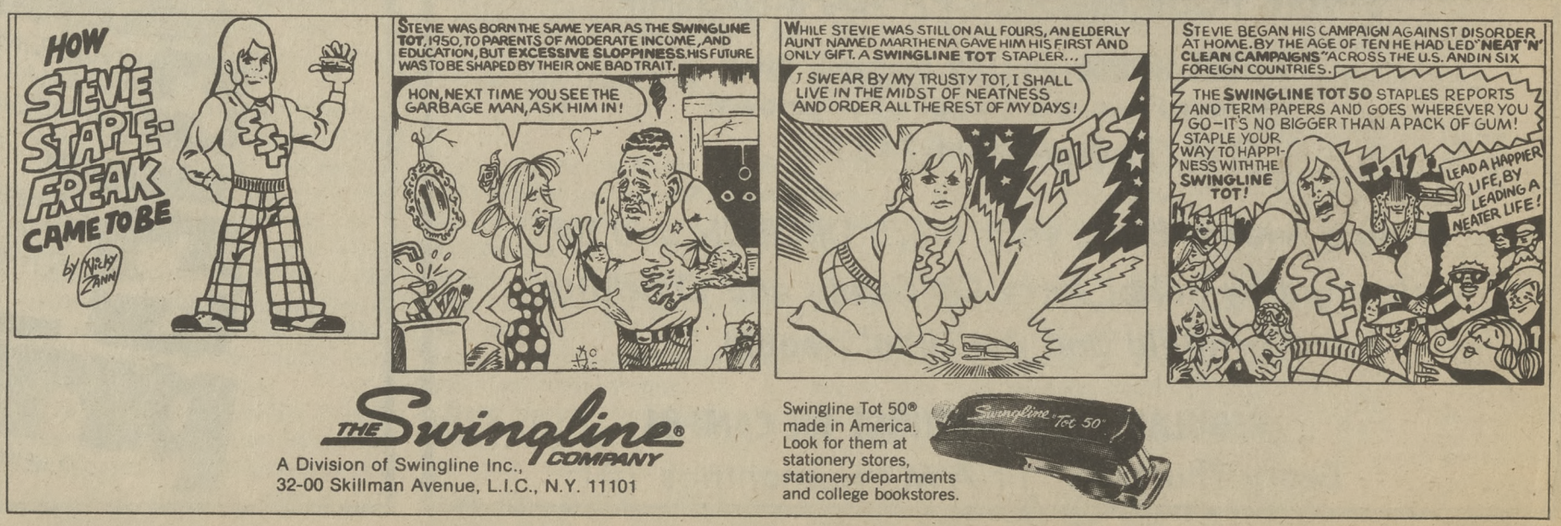
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Season opener is "TALLEY'S FOLLY" and "THE FIFTH OF JULY," which will run until October 7. This two play repertory will be followed by "STRIDER: THE STORY OF A HORSE."

Students intending to take advantage of this offer must appear in person, with verification of full-time enrollment, to the Season Ticket Office, 301 N. Grand Ave. Los Angeles.

Recent Valley Art Grad Now Successful Muralist

John W. Howarth, a recent graduate of Los Angeles Valley College, has reaped the benefits of his art training by becoming a professional muralist at the early age of 22.

The top scholar recently completed the mural for an orthodontist's office which entailed 300 hours of painting and many hours conceiving the idea. The long wait in the office has been made more soothing with the picturesque scenes of London's Victoria Station.

Howarth entered Valley College in 1976 where his talent was recognized by Professor Harvey Schaefer, chairperson of the Art Department.

"I have no doubt that John will do well in the business world with his art," declared Prof. Schaefer. "He is the kind of student who always gives 'that little something extra'."

Howarth enjoys being his own boss and "the tremendous thrill in getting paid for something you throughly enjoy doing." But his long range plans include making environment in business and industry more beautiful. "Art has a place in industry," he maintains.

He encourages the prospective art students to "Try a number of different art courses." He believes this diversification is important in determining the course future students will steer.

Prof. Schaefer points to the Advertising Design courses as avenues of promise for students who are interested in this field. Preparation and innovative ability are among the requirements for success. Plus a strong desire to succeed.

Valley College is offering 39 different art courses during the FAll '79 semester. Classes are being offered in both the day and evening sessions.

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Poem, Poet Of the Week

Dark Medicine

I need a dark medicine I think;
Some wind to blow its midnight carnival,
Some storm to shake me out of my Summer bed.
There are no shadows here so simple
That the mention of a tree on a wall
Would send me running for the light-switch.
There are no cellars here so deep
That the wisp of a spider-web at my face
Would have me clutching the cold air
To pull the long hands away from my throat.
Where are the fogs that used to trick my feet
At railroad crossings when trains blew their warnings?
Where are the hounds that used to wait after movies
For me to roll up the windows of my father's car?
The trees here are too green,
The Autumns too quick.
The days are too long,
The nights too bright.
There are no fevers to make you fear dreams,
No rivers to make you fear bridges.

I need a dark medicine I think;
Some rain to make me fear windows,
Some house to make me fear being alone.

Harry Campbell

English Operas Gain Approval

Controversy in the operatic world has long been raging over the presentation of operas in English or their original language. Now, at last, the New York City Opera has bowed to the practicality of producing some operas in English.

The operas in question were mainly of the comedic genre and required a great amount of pantomine to get the point across when they were performed in a foreign language. "Falstaff," "Count Ory," and "The Merry Widow" are three of the choices for an English language production of the NYCO.

For those Valley College opera lovers adamantly opposed to any changes in the status quo, many operas will still be performed in their original languages. "Tosca," "Faust," and "Carmen" are among the productions which will retain their originality.

FROM THE EDITOR

New Semester; a Time of Hope

The beginning of a new semester for Star editors and staff is always a time of hope and fear. The hope of being innovative and unique. The fear of not quite realizing the grandiose plans that have been brewing in our febrile minds all summer.

As the editor of the Fine Arts page this semester, I can only reinforce the determination of the staff to do our best and give you, the students, the most informative and interesting page we possibly can.

If fences need to be mended with any departments and organizations on campus, it is our sincere hope that we can accomplish this end. When new and interesting events are in preparation from the drama, music and art departments, we feel this must take precedence over the off campus activities offered by various organizations.

Books, albums, and movie reviews are all part of the creative pool to be drawn from. There may even be occassions when TV programs will merit at least an honorable mention.

There is concern in some quarters whether or not the poetry column will be included as a weekly item in the semester's paper. I can only answer that if the poems submitted merit the attention of publication they most certainly will be printed.

The Fine Arts page provides all the ingredients for a potpourri of creativity. Everyone is invited to contribute to the production of this page. The deadline for material to be submitted is Monday noon.

I strongly urge that the lines of communication will be kept open and busy. This page and this paper belong to all of us and together we can unite and make this a semester to be proud of. By maintaining the previous standards of taste and quality, combined with a desire to work together, we will look back in the end with satisfaction. And pride.

By LINDA WEBER

Laserium; Imagery and Music

By PAMELA NEIL
Student Affairs Editor

It had been many years since I ventured up the mountain to the Griffith Observatory, but it was a warm and humid Friday evening, perhaps the last casual summer evening to be enjoyed for another school term, and a quiet stroll through the observatory sounded interesting enough.

To my amazement, the planetarium had taken on a new light, more interesting, a sight and sound spectacular.

For a mere $3.50 admission charge, and about a 30 minute wait in line, I was treated to the newest Laserium Light Concert, "Light Years." This new program covers 25 years of rock music accompanied by a dazzling array of colors and abstract designs that delight and sometimes shock the senses.

The lazerist for the evening did a fantastic job of choreographing his laser images to the musical score. The sound system was excellent, and both light show and music seemed to draw one into a far-out world of outer space, with the background projection of the night sky on the planetarium dome.

Laserium shows are available each evening, except Sunday and Monday, at 6:30 p.m., 9:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Different shows are available on different days.

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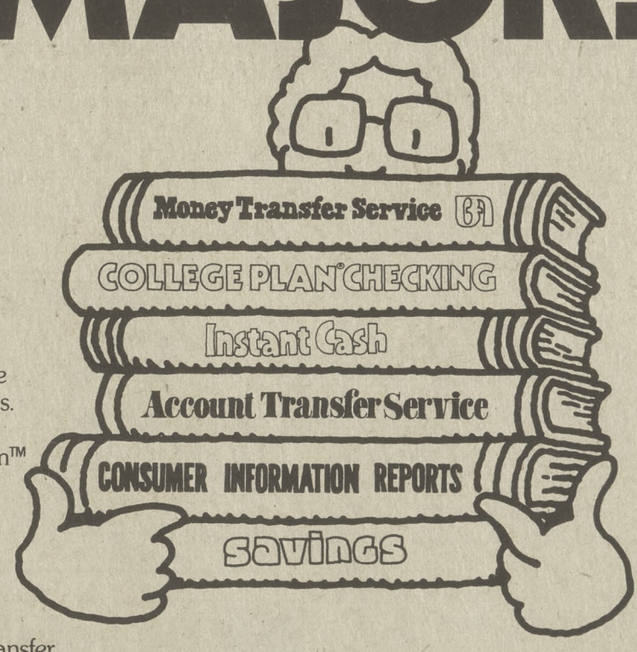

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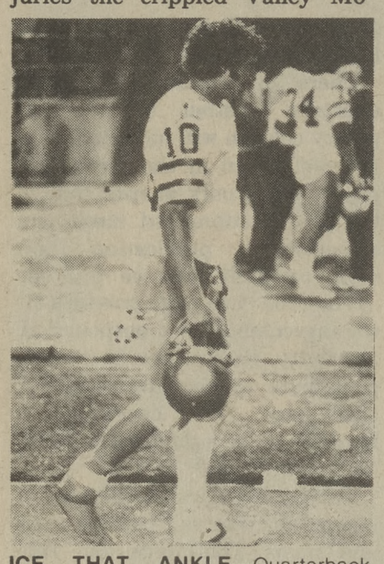
Injuries Plague Monarchs

By LANCE PHILLIPS
Sports Editor

Plagued by quarterback injuries the crippled Valley Monarchs opened the 1979 season with a loss to San Diego Mesa 24 to 7. Wide receiver Scott Marshall started at the quarterback spot as Valley's first-string signal caller Steve Duddy was injured in a pre-season scrimmage and did not suit up for the game.



ICE THAT ANKLE—Quarterback Marshall limps off the field with a sprained ankle after a 24-7 loss to San Diego.

Valley took the ball on the opening kickoff and moved on the Mesa defense, as tailback Vic James gained 64 of his 122 yards in the first half. Valley moved the ball to the Olympian's 4 yard line on the opening drive, only to be stopped on a fumbled pitch that lost the Monarchs 24 yards and a chance to score as a field goal attempt fell short.

With Valley offense chewing up a good 10 minutes of the first 15 minute period, the first quarter ended in a scoreless tie.

Late in the second quarter with both teams still scoreless, the Mesa denfese picked off a Marshall pass which would set up the first score of the game. Mesa quarterback Matt Kofler hit on two short passes good for 5 and 12 yards, moving the ball to the 19 yard line. Another short pass good for 7 put the ball on the 12 yard line. There Valley's defense got tough and stopped the Olympians who settled for a 22 yard field goal. At the half San Diego led 3 to 0.

On Valley's second possession in the second quarter they lost another quarterback as Scott Marshall left the game with an ankle injury, and back up quarterback Paul Palmieri took over. Palmieri didn't look anything like a back up quarterback, as on his first pass attempt he hit wide receiver Chris Sutton for a 49 yard touchdown pass.

The extra point was good and with a 2 min. 46 sec. left in the 3rd quarter Valley led 7 to 3.

The fourth quarter was virtually all San Diego, as the wide open offense of the Olympians used the pass most of the second period.

Quarterback Kofler was 24 of 40 for 263 yards in the game and two touchdowns, both to Split End Charles Ewing in the second half.

The first touchdown from Kofler to Ewing was good for 15 yards as it put the Olympians ahead 10 to 7 with 12 min. 30 sec. left to play.

After just four plays Mesa had the ball again and wasted no time as they scored six plays later on a 2 yard run by Tailback Ron Hawthorne.

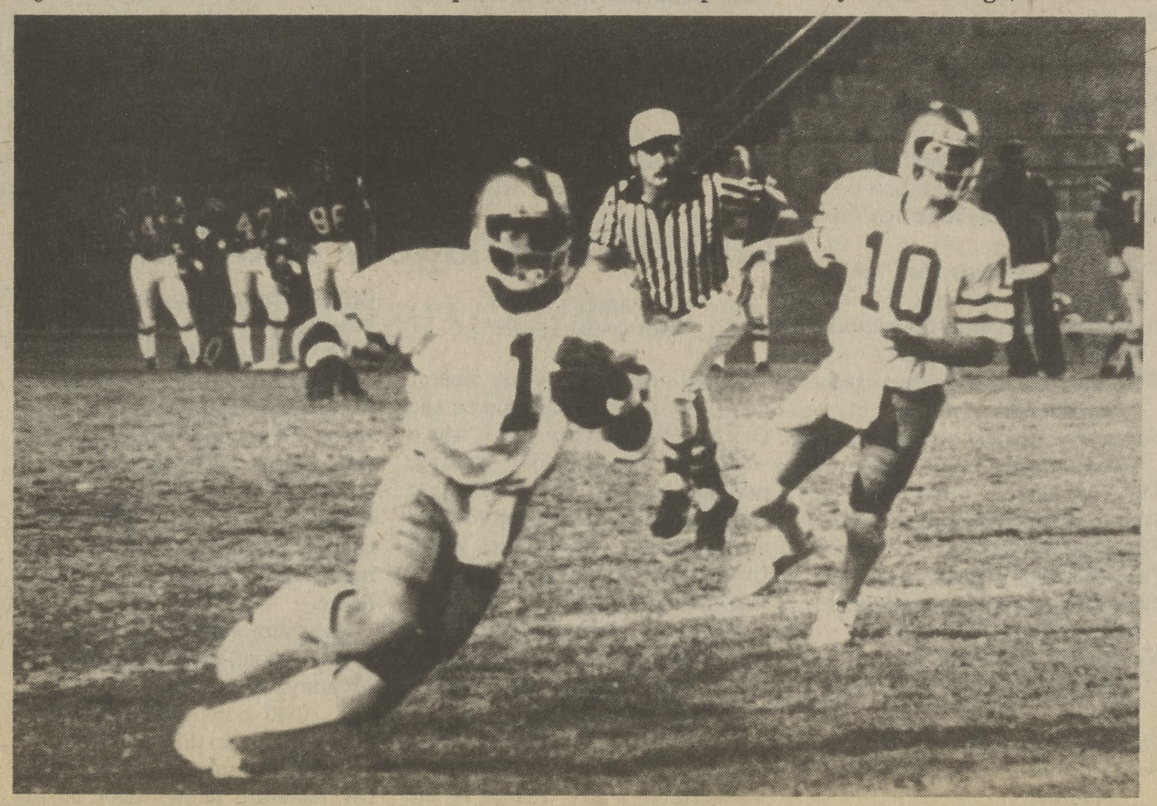
With 8 min. 24 sec. left to play in the game Valley got the ball trailing 7 to 17. The offense, unable to mount a dirve, had to punt the ball away only to get new life as the Mesa receiver fumbled it back to Valley. With time running out, the offense was faced with a fourth and long situation. Quarterback Palmieri threw a long pass to the end zone only to have it intercepted.

NEXT QUARTERBACK PLEASE— After Valley's second quarterback of the night had to be helped off the field, Coach Butler must have wondered who was left to play that position.

Palmieri had to be helped off the field as Valley lost their second quarterback of the night with another ankle injury.

Mesa put the game out of reach as another Kofler to Ewing pass connected for a touchdown, this one good for 33 yards that made the score 24 to 7.

With the quarterback spot in question the Monarchs will face college of the Canyons this Saturday night at 7:30 in Valencia.



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OFF AND RUNNING—Vic James, No. 1, on his way to gain 122 yds. in the Monarchs opener last Saturday night.

Monarch Pigskin Preview

BY P.S. ZWERDLING
Staff Writer

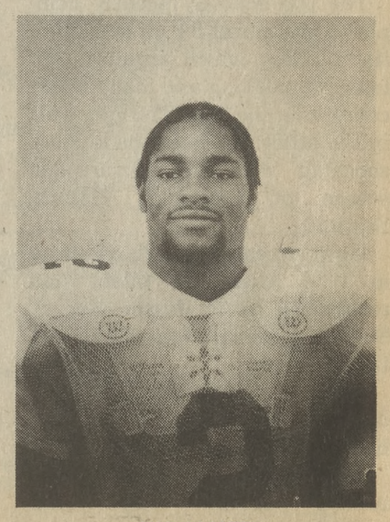
Confident of rebounding from last year's disappointing 3-7 season, head football coach Steve Butler leads his squad in the fight for the Metropolitan Conference Title.

However, in recent days Butler's optimism has been shaken. The Monarch's first-string quarterback Steve Duddy, a 6-1, 185-pound prep All-American from Reno, Nevada, suffered a knee injury in practice. Duddy missed last week's game and is doubtful for this week's contest at College of the Canyons. Backup quarterbacks Paul Palmieri and Scott Marshall suffered ankle injuries last Saturday night against San Diego Mesa. Marshall is listed as a possible starter for this week's game. Palmieri is expected to miss at least one game.

The receiving corp is led by sure-handed Chris Sutton and speedster Tim Kearsie. Scott Marshall is expected to resume his role as wide receiver following Duddy's return. Daryl Smith and William Nicholson vie for the starting spot at tight end.

The running corp loses last year's leading ground gainer Ricky Price to graduation. Price accounted for 736 yards of the 1,303 yards gained on the ground by the Monarchs. This year's offensive backfield features returing tailbacks Vic James (6'0, 193) and Kirk Lewis (6'0, 180). James Ryland (6'0, 193), Terry Carter (5'11½, 189), and James Wallace (5'9, 160) give the running game added depth.

The offensive line possesses size, strength, and experience. Returning starters Wendell Clark (6'3½, 285), Woodie Powell (6'2, 250), Jesse Torrero (5'11, 210),



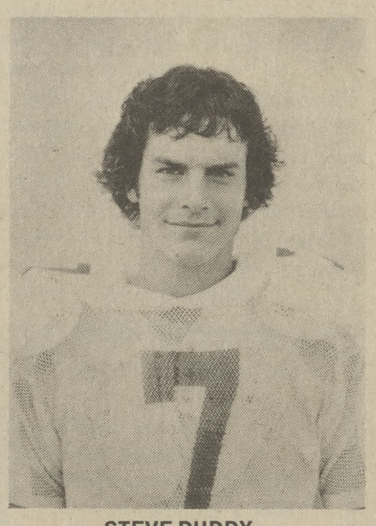
VIC JAMES

contribute their skills at linebacker.

Chris Duddy and Cleve Bigalow vie for starting assignments in the defensive secondary.

Hani Rahimi (5'5, 135) handles the placekicking duties. Bob Cummins assumes the job at punter.

The Monarch's home opener is Saturday, September 29, against non-conference opponent, Com-Compton Community College. Conference play begins October 13, when the Monarch's battle East Los Angeles Community College in East L.A. All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

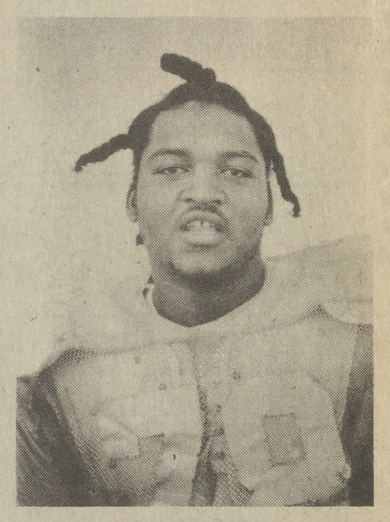


STEVE DUDDY

SCOTT MARSHALL

Returnees Pat Riley, James Bridges, Darrell Patillo, and Willard Barrett and newcomers and center Tim Schley (6'3, 220) conted for starting positions with newcomers Forrest Washington (5'10, 233), Len Madison (6'2, 215), Todd Osborn (6'4, 225), and Robb Wahl (6'0, 195).

First team All-Metropolitan Conference tackle Graham Harrison (6'1½, 252) heads the defense. Linebacking tandem Ken Johnson (6'0, 205) and John McAllister (6'1½, 210) deliver capable assisstance with their excellent speed and strength. High school stand-outs Troy Harrell and Randy DiGiacomo expect to



GRAHAM HARRISON

LANCE'S LINE

Fast Break

It came as no surprise to me, nor to anyone else, when last week Ann Meyers was cut from the Indiana Pacers Basketball team.

Meyers, the former All-American from U.C.L.A., was the first woman ever to sign a contract with any men's professional team.

From the start it was almost certain that the 5'9" 140 lb. superb women's athlete never had a chance to make the team and play in the N.B.A. The athletes in the National Basketball Association rank among the top in today's professional sports world. So it was no wonder when most of the media called Meyers signing a hoax, a joke, and most common P.R. job.

Well, I applaud Meyers move to break the barrier between men's and women's professional sports. Meyers went out and proved to people that women aren't afraid to take steps to move into sports that are dominated by men. She also wanted to give women's basketball a boost, and that she did.

Although she didn't make the Pacers ball club she had in no way embarrassed herself, which a lot of people expected her to do.

If Ann Meyers had wanted to she could very easily have sat back and let someone else make the move that I felt was inevitable.

I think Meyers will be looked at as a pioneer in sports just as Jackie Robinson has been.

Enthusiasm Dominates 79's Water Poloists

By JIM VERNON
Staff Writer

The 1979-80 edition of the Valley College Water Polo team figures to be very competitive and a factor in the tough Metro Conference race, according to Coach Bill Krauss.

"We have a highly enthusiastic group this year with a large turnout of about 20 players. We have 8 returning sophomores from last year's squad which finished second in the Metro Conference and was 14 and 10 over-all."

The sophs are led by three All-Metro Conference players from last year: Garth Canning, an excellent defender, and two good shooters, Jamie Shields and Jim Brady. Other returning players include Steve Rose, Brent Bowers, Goalie Lee Hazelquist, Ken McDonald, and Mark Domuret. Coach Krauss is also impressed with the incoming freshmen, which include High School All-American Dale Sweeny.

"Our conference race should be very tough. Long Beach, last year's champs, will be the heavy favorite. El Camino and Pasadena should be strong. We have to place second in the conference in order to make the playoffs."

The water poloists will participate in four tournaments this year, but Coach Krauss is confident. "We should fare well in our non-conference play, and we have a possibility of winning one of the four tourneys we are in."

In the first game of the San Diego Tournament, Valley lost 9 to 22 to Grossmont, who Krauss said "simply outswam us." They then played Palomar and lost 7 to 17. "We were leading Palomar 4 to 2 after one quarter, but we ran out of gas," said Krauss. The last game against San Diego Mesa, the Monarchs lost 11 to 15 but the coach said "we played a much better game."

We will know right away what to expect, since the team played four games at Palomar College in the San Diego Tourney on Sept. 14 and 15. "It was tough," says Coach Krauss, "because we have been working out for only one week, and the teams in San Diego have been working for three or four weeks. The experience was good for us, tough."

SPORTS MENU

CROSS COUNTRY—Sept. 21	El Camino at Valley	3:00 p.m.
FOOTBALL—Sept. 22	Valley at College of the Canyons	7:30 p.m.
WATER POLO—Sept. 24	Valley at Riverside Tournament	12:00 noon
WOMENS VOLLEYBALL—Sept. 20	El Camino at Valley	2:00 p.m.
WOMENS CROSS COUNTRY—Sept. 21	Harbor at Valley	3:30 p.m.

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